

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I. Claim(s) 7-9 and 12 drawn to a method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of carcinoma comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of an agent which interacts with or modulates the expression or activity of a KIAA0659 polypeptide.
- Group II. Claim(s) 10-11, drawn to a method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of carcinoma comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a KIAA0659 polypeptide.
- Group III. Claim(s) 13, 14, 24 and 25, drawn to a method of screening for anti-carcinoma agents that *interact* with a KIAA0659 polypeptide.
- Group IV. Claim(s) 15-17, drawn to a method of screening for anti-carcinoma agents that *modulate* the expression or activity of a KIAA0659 polypeptide.
- Group V. Claim(s) 18, drawn to an agent identified by the method of Group III which interacts with or causes the expression or activity of KIAA0659 to change.
- Group VI. Claim(s) 19-23, drawn to a method of screening for and/or diagnosis or prognosis of carcinoma in a subject, and/or monitoring the effectiveness of carcinoma therapy.
- Group VII. Claim(s) 26, drawn to a diagnostic kit comprising a capture reagent specific for a KIAA0659 polypeptide, reagents and instructions for use.

Responsive to the Requirement for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, without traverse, Claim(s) 7-9 and 12 drawn to a method for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of carcinoma comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of an agent which interacts with or modulates the expression or activity of a KIAA0659 polypeptide.

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the foregoing Response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

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In view of the above, an early action on the merits of the Claims is courteously solicited.

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